

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 5, 8-13, 16-25, 28, 29, 32-36, 44 and 45 are rejected. Claims 47-50 are allowed. Claims 2, 3, 14, 15, 26, 27, 30, 31, 37-43 and 46 are objected to. Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 14 has been canceled. New claims 51-116 have been added. Claims 1-5, 8-13, 15-116 are presently pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Basis for amendment of claim 1 is found in claim 14 as originally filed. The basis for new claim 51 is found in claim 37, indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent format and claims 4 and 8-15 as originally filed. The basis for new claim 60 is found in claim 38, indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent format and claims 4 and 8-15 as originally filed. The basis for new claim 69 is found in claim 39, indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent format and claims 4 and 8-15 as originally filed. The basis for new claim 78 is found in claim 47, indicated as allowed, and claims 4, 5, and 8-15 as originally filed. The basis for new claim 88 is found in claim 49, indicated as allowed, and claims 4, 5, and 8-15 as originally filed. The basis for new claim 98 is found in claim 50, indicated as allowed, and claims 4, 5, and 8-15 as originally filed. The basis for new claim 108 is found in claim 48, indicated as allowed, and claims 4, and 8-15 as originally filed.

Claims 47-50 Allowed:

The Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 47-50 by the Examiner.

Claims 2, 3, 14, 15, 26, 27, 30, 31, 37-43 and 46 Allowable if Rewritten:

The Examiner has objected to Claims 2, 3, 14, 15, 26, 27, 30, 31, 37-43 and 46, indicating that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent format. Claim 14 has been added to claims 1. Claim 37 has been rewritten as new independent claims 51. Claim 38 has been rewritten as new independent claims 60. Claim 39 has been rewritten as new independent claims 69.

Rejection of Claims 1, 4, 5, 8-13, 16-25, 28, 29, 32-35 and 48 Under 35 U.S.C.**§102(b):**

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 4, 5, 8-13, 16-25, 28, 29, 32-35 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Gardner et al. which discloses conductive polymer compositions with R of 7-10 log ohm/square applied to supports as stripes, dots or patterns, making it at least obvious to one skilled in the art to form the stripes, dots or patterns using the compositions of the examples.

Claim 1 has been amended to include claim 14, indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent format by the examiner. This amendment obviates the rejection.

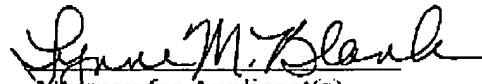
Rejection Of Claims 1, 8-11, 16-19, 22-24, 28, 29, 32-36, 44 and 45 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b):

Claims 1, 8-11, 16-19, 22-24, 28, 29, 32-36, 44 and 45 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Katashima et al. Katashima et al. (col. 4, lines 1-65; col. 6, lines 19-30; col. 13, lines 15-58; col. 15, lines 41-59; claim 11; examples B-1-B-12) disclose thermal transfer donors with detection marks and carbon black antistatic backing layers patterned around the marks to allow viewing of the marks. Resistance values of the antistatic layers in the examples are within the range of the instant claims. It would at least be obvious to one skilled in the art to use the specifically disclosed carbon black layers of the examples as the patterned carbon black antistatic layers in Katashima et al.

Claim 1 has been amended to include claim 14, indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent format by the examiner. This amendment obviates the rejection.

It is believed that the foregoing is a complete response to the Office Action and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request early allowance to obviate the appeal.

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